

CLAIMS

1. (presently amended) In a rectangular towel having a least a top edge a bottom edge and first and second side edges longer than the top and bottom edges, the improvement comprising: a slit cut into ~~said~~ the towel, said slit extending partially into ~~said~~ the towel from one of ~~said~~ the longer side edges of ~~said~~ the towel and being disposed substantially parallel to the top and bottom edges.
2. (original) The towel of claim 1 further comprising reinforcement means located on the towel substantially adjacent the edges of said slit.
3. (cancelled)
4. (presently amended) The towel of claim ~~3~~ 1 wherein ~~said~~ the towel includes at least a first and a second corner, wherein said first corner is defined by the top edge and the first side edge and wherein said second corner is defined by the bottom edge and the first side edge, and wherein attachment means are coupled to said first and second corners.
5. (presently amended) The towel of claim ~~3~~ 4 wherein said attachment means comprise hook and loop material.
6. (presently amended) The towel of claim ~~3~~ 4, wherein the towel is made of cotton material.

7. (presently amended) The towel of claim 3 ~~4~~, wherein the towel is made of a synthetic fiber.

8. (presently amended) The towel of claim 3 ~~4~~, wherein the towel is made of a cellulosic fiber such as paper.

9. (presently amended) In a towel having at least a top edge, a bottom edge and first and second side edges, the first and second side edges each being longer than the top and bottom edges, the improvement comprising: a slit cut into ~~said the~~ the towel, said slit extending partially into ~~said the~~ the towel from one of the longer side edges of the towel and being disposed substantially parallel to the top and bottom edges; the towel further comprising reinforcement means located on the towel including piping means stitched along the slit edges; and attachment means coupled to a first and a second corner of the towel, said first corner being defined by the top edge and the side edge containing said slit and said second corner being defined by the bottom edge and the side edge containing said slit.

10. (presently amended) The towel of claim 9 wherein the towel is subdivided into an upper portion bounded by the side edge containing the slit and the top and bottom edges and a line substantially parallel to the side edge, said upper portion containing said slit, and a lower portion defined by the side edge not containing the slit and the top and bottom edges and a line substantially parallel to the side edge, wherein a layer of plastic is attached to said lower portion of the towel.

11. (original) The towel of claim 9 wherein said attachment means comprises hook and loop material.
12. (original) The towel of claim 9, where the towel is manufactured from cotton.
13. (original) The towel of claim 1, where the towel is manufactured from synthetic fiber.
14. (original) The towel of claim 9, where the towel is manufactured from cellulosic fiber such as paper.